

PLY OF FOCH DELIGHTS PARIS

Terrific Offensive on Three Fronts Declared Only Possible Response

GREAT STRATEGIC PLAN

Triple Drives Creating New Salients in Which to Trap Enemy Hordes

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Paris indorses thoroughly the reply which Foch gave to the boche cry for an armistice by resuming his terrific offensive on no fewer than three different sectors of the battlefield.

One of the most notable features of the situation here is the implicit confidence the French people have, not only that Foch, but also that Wilson, will do the right thing.

The latest developments of Foch's plan are exciting universal admiration among experts here. It is already evident that the Allied commander in the new offensive is to employ consistent repetition of his previously overwhelpingly successful method.

The offensive begun on Tuesday morning aimed at the creation and development of two new salients cutting deep into the German main positions.

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Both offensives are fresh examples of efforts toward envelopment and encirclement which have already proved consistently successful as means of reducing enemy positions too powerfully defended to be amenable to reduction by direct frontal attack.

The strategic objective of Gouraud and Liggett, apart from the threat to Metz and Laon, appears to be to secure the historic Tronche de Senne, north of Verdun, the broad passage through the open country which has always been regarded, militarily speaking, as the natural doorway for the German invader of France and vice versa.

The operations of Liggett's Americans on the right bank of the Meuse are the natural corollary to this brilliant advance.

The opinion is gaining ground here that Ludendorff has already waited too long before falling back along the whole present battlefield, and that any day may now show it is no longer possible for him to avoid a disaster worse than anything his troops have yet suffered.

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MAJOR GENERAL HUNTER LIGGETT In command of American First Army Corps, in action along the Meuse

took up fresh positions and awaited the German assault.

Possible explanations are that Ludendorff is a prisoner of his own material, Joffre had virtually no heavy artillery to embarrass his retreat, but the Germans are already between the devil and the deep sea.

If they remain to defend their guns the Germans are courting a new Sedan, which would involve the cutting off and surrender of hundreds of thousands of men.

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